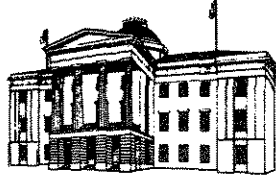


# State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY  
GOVERNOR

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.123 EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY DROUGHT

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Emergency Management Act (Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes) authorizes and empowers the Governor to make, amend, or rescind the necessary orders, rules, and regulations within the limits of the authority conferred upon him, with due consideration of the policies of the federal government; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Emergency Management Act authorizes and empowers the Governor to deliver materials or perform services for disaster purposes on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by any existing law; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Emergency Management Act authorizes the Governor to take such action and give such directions to State and local law enforcement officers and agencies as may be reasonable and necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, under the provisions of N.C.G.S. §§ 166A-4 and 166A-6(c)(3) the Governor, with the concurrence of the Council of State, may regulate and control the flow of vehicular traffic and the operation of transportation services; and

**WHEREAS**, with the concurrence of the Council of State, I have found that vehicles bearing **HAY or WATER** to relieve our grief stricken counties must adhere to the registration requirements of N.C.G.S. § 20-86.1 and N.C.G.S. § 20-382, fuel tax requirements of N.C.G.S. § 105-449.47, and the size and weight requirements of N.C.G.S. § 20-116 and N.C.G.S. § 20-18; I have further found that citizens in those counties will likely suffer losses and, therefore, invoke an imminent threat of widespread damage within the meaning of N.C.G.S. § 166-A-4(3), and

**WHEREAS**, I have requested the United States Department of Agriculture declare eighty-five (85) North Carolina counties as agricultural disaster areas due to drought conditions justifying an exemption from 49 CFR Part 395 (Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations); and